

I request that the FCC begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues; institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower place, design, and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality; undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts; require all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews; and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as placement guidelines developed by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Communication towers have proven lethal to millions of migratory birds. It's time to put an end to these fatalities.